

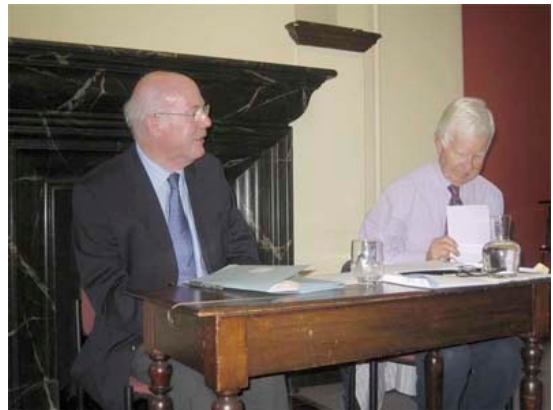
PAST NATIONAL EVENTS 2010–2011

Circle Representatives' Conference, 5th November 2011

A Circle Representative's Conference was held at Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Southwark. Around 40 people from Circles and from Council attended on the day. The agenda included Circle operations, best practice for meetings, Circle/Council interaction, renewal of Circle officers, the journal, publicity, recruitment and new Circles and the development and future of the Association. It was a lively day with several presentations from circles and from council and a lot of discussion. It provided the opportunity for members and council to listen to each other and to address issues that concern us all. It proved to be a worthwhile exercise.

AGM 2011, 18th June 2011

The 2011 AGM was held in Edinburgh on 18th June. We were made most welcome by members of the Edinburgh Circle and by the **Sisters of Mercy at St Catharine's Convent**. The afternoon's programme included the nearby **Lauriston Jesuit Centre** which received the [Eco-congregation award in 2010](#) (click on link to see article in the May 2011 journal). This was followed by a visit to the **Scottish Catholic Archives** where the Newman archives are now housed. Several members had a renewed public welcome at Mass in the Jesuit church on the Sunday morning.



King James Bible Conference, 14th June 2011

The Newman Association was well represented in the 150 delegates attending the 400th Anniversary of the **King James Bible conference at the University of Hertfordshire**, Hatfield. Some excellent papers were presented in what was a very rewarding day. A summary of the conference will appear in the September Journal.

Pilgrimage, 24th March–1st April

The tenth Newman Pilgrimage [Return to the Holy Land](#) was very successful. Click on above link to read the full account of the pilgrimage which appeared in the May 2011 journal.

London Newman Lecture, 10th March 2011

The 2011 London Newman Lecture was well attended and Professor David Crystal gave a lively and fascinating talk on ***The influence of the Bible on modern English***. There were numerous questions from an enthusiastic audience, many of whom intend to buy Professor Crystal's new book *Begat*. The British Library exhibition at the time, *Everyday English: One Language, Many Voices* was curated by David Crystal.



Newman Beatification Ceremony

Pope Benedict XVI presided at the beatification ceremony of our patron, **Cardinal John Henry Newman** at Cofton Park, Rednal on **Sunday 19th September**. Much has been published about the day in the national and Catholic press and on television. It was a wonderful event and a great day for the Association. In addition to the many Newman members present with their parish groups, the Association was represented formally by several members of Council and also our Chaplain, Fr Fabian Radcliffe, was one of the concelebrating priests.

The Newman Association was also officially represented at Hyde Park and our stalwart team were pleased to note that they carried the only banner which included Cardinal Newman's name.



AGM 2010

The **2010 AGM** was held on **Saturday 26th June** in St Bartholomew's Church Hall, St Albans. We were welcomed by members of the Hertfordshire Circle who provided an excellent venue for our meeting and, with our 70th anniversary in mind, were delighted to be joined by Keith Stevens, the only surviving signatory to the Association's original memorandum and articles. The results of the elections are shown below. There was some discussion of the arrangements for the forthcoming Beatification Ceremony for Cardinal Newman. Also Council raised the suggestion that, at next year's AGM a proposal would be made to increase subscriptions which have been static for about ten years.

After mass and an outstanding lunch many delegates visited St Albans and most attended evensong at St Albans Abbey.

Birmingham Conference on Cardinal Newman

The Newman Association Conference on Cardinal Newman, ***Lead Kindly Light***, held at Maryvale Institute, Birmingham on **12th June** was very well attended. Delegates heard three stimulating but very different sessions on *John Henry Newman Father of Vatican II?*, *Newman's Personality* and a talk with musical accompaniment on Elgar's thoughts during his setting of the *Dream of Gerontius*. The conference ended with prayers in the chapel where Newman worshipped when he first came to Birmingham.

Edited versions of the papers by Joyce Sugg and Fr Gregory Winterton will appear in the September Journal.

London Newman Lecture on Thursday 18th March 2010

The 2010 London Newman Lecture entitled ***Towards a National Spirituality Strategy*** was given by **Professor Peter Hennessy** of Queen Mary College, London at the St Albans Centre, Baldwin Gardens, High Holborn, EC1. It was very well attended and gave rise to many questions from the floor. The talk is published in the May journal.